

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as listed below:

1. (Currently amended) A drag wheel apparatus adapted for cooperative engagement with an angular skid bracket engaged upon the rear of a vehicle used for travel over a road surface, comprising:

at least one roller having a circumferential surface;

a mount, said mount having a first sidewall, said first sidewall having an attachment end, a mid portion, and a distal end opposite said attachment end;

said mount having a second sidewall, said second sidewall having an attachment end, a mid portion, and a distal end opposite said attachment end;

a topwall engaged to said first sidewall and second sidewall at their respective attachment ends;

~~means for compressible engagement of said mount to in a mounted position to said angular skid bracket, without altering said angular skid bracket;~~

said mount having a mounted position wherein lower portions of said distal ends of said first sidewall and said second sidewall extending below a bottom surface of said angular skid bracket when said mount is in said mounted position; and

~~means for rotational engagement of said roller to at least one of said first and said second sidewall, an axle, said axle cooperatively engageable through said roller between said lower portions of said first and second sidewall with said circumferential surface projecting beyond said distal ends of said sidewalls;~~

a support pin in a removable engagement with said first and second sidewall of said mount in said mounted position, said removable engagement positioning said support pin between said axle and said bottom surface of said angular skid plate; and

means to force said topwall away from said angular skid bracket thereby subjecting a compressive force of said support pin against said bottom surface of said angular skid bracket, to maintain said mount in said mounted position.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 2 1 wherein said means to force said topwall away from said angular skid bracket comprises:

an elongated member translatably engaged through said topwall, said elongated member having an adjustment end and a distal end opposite said adjustment end; and

said distal end of said elongated member translatable toward said distal ends of said ~~of said~~ sidewalls, to an extended position ~~compressed engagement with a contact point on a~~ communicating a compressive force against a top surface of said angular skid bracket opposite said bottom surface.

4. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 3 additionally comprising:

means to lock said distal end of said elongated member in said extended position ~~compressed engagement with said contact point.~~

5. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 3 wherein said elongated member translatably engaged through said topwall comprises:

said elongated member being a bolt, said bolt threadably engaged through said topwall; and

rotation of said bolt in a first direction causing said distal end of said bolt to translate toward said extended position ~~contact point.~~

6. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 4 wherein elongated member translatably engaged through said topwall comprises:

said elongated member being a bolt, said bolt threadably engaged through said topwall; and

rotation of said bolt in a first direction causing said distal end of said bolt to translate toward said extended position ~~contact point~~.

7. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 6 wherein said means to lock said distal end of said elongated member in said extended position ~~compressed engagement with said contact point~~ comprises:

a nut rotationally engaged upon said bolt; and

said ~~not~~ nut rotatable to cause a force reaction between threads of said bolt, said topwall and said nut, thereby discouraging relative rotational movement between said bolt and said topwall. ~~a compressed position upon said top wall once said distal end of said bolt is in said compressed engagement with said contact point.~~

8. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 3 additionally comprising:

a wedge block having a top surface and a ~~bottom~~ lower surface;

said ~~bottom~~ lower surface dimensioned to substantially the shape of said top surface of said angular skid bracket;

said wedge block positionable between said distal end of said elongated member and said top surface of said angular skid bracket; and

~~said contact point being on said top surface of said wedge block and~~ said ~~bottom~~ lower surface of said wedge block being engaged with said top surface of said ~~support member~~ angular skid bracket when said distal end of said elongated member is in said ~~compressed engagement~~ extended position.

9. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 4 additionally comprising:

a wedge block having a top surface and a ~~bottom~~ lower surface;

said ~~bottom~~ lower surface dimensioned to substantially the shape of said top surface of said angular skid bracket;

said wedge block positionable between said distal end of said elongated member and said top surface of said angular skid bracket; and

~~said contact point being on said top surface of said wedge block and said bottom lower surface of said wedge block being engaged with said top surface of said support member angular skid bracket when said distal end of said elongated member is in said compressed engagement extended position.~~

10. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 5 additionally comprising:

a wedge block having a top surface and a ~~bottom~~ lower surface;

said ~~bottom~~ lower surface dimensioned to substantially the shape of said top surface of said angular skid bracket;

said wedge block positionable between said distal end of said elongated member and said top surface of said angular skid bracket; and

~~said contact point being on said top surface of said wedge block and said bottom lower surface of said wedge block being engaged with said top surface of said support member angular skid bracket when said distal end of said elongated member is in said compressed engagement extended position.~~

11. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 6 additionally comprising:

a wedge block having a top surface and a ~~bottom~~ lower surface;

said ~~bottom~~ lower surface dimensioned to substantially the shape of said top surface of said angular skid bracket;

said wedge block positionable between said distal end of said elongated member and said top surface of said angular skid bracket; and

~~said contact point being on said top surface of said wedge block and said bottom lower surface of said wedge block being engaged with said top surface of said support member angular skid bracket when said distal end of said elongated member is in said compressed engagement extended position.~~

12. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 7 additionally comprising:

a wedge block having a top surface and a ~~bottom~~ lower surface;

said ~~bottom~~ lower surface dimensioned to substantially the shape of said top surface of said angular skid bracket;

said wedge block positionable between said distal end of said elongated member and said top surface of said angular skid bracket; and

~~said contact point being on said top surface of said wedge block and said bottom lower surface of said wedge block being engaged with said top surface of said support member angular skid bracket when said distal end of said elongated member is in said compressed engagement extended position.~~

13. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 1 additionally comprising:

said angular skid bracket having a top surface opposite said bottom surface;

a wedge block having a top surface and a ~~bottom~~ lower surface;

said ~~bottom~~ lower surface dimensioned to substantially the same shape of said top surface of said angular skid bracket; and

said wedge block positionable between said top wall and said top surface of said angular skid bracket when said mount is in said mounted position with substantially all of said ~~bottom~~ lower surface of said wedge block in contact with said top surface of said angular skid bracket.

14. (Original) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 1 additionally comprising: said angular skid bracket being substantially triangular in shape.

15. (original) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 13 additionally comprising: said angular skid bracket being substantially triangular in shape.

16. (Currently amended) A drag wheel apparatus adapted for cooperative engagement with an angular skid bracket engaged upon the rear of a vehicle used for travel over a road surface, comprising:

at least one roller having a circumferential surface;

a mount, said mount having a first sidewall, said first sidewall having an attachment end, a mid portion, and a distal end opposite said attachment end;

said mount having a second sidewall, said second sidewall having an attachment end, a mid portion, and a distal end opposite said attachment end;

a topwall engaged to said first sidewall and second sidewall at their respective attachment ends;

~~means for compressible engagement of said mount in a mounted position to said angular skid bracket, with said angular skid bracket positioned between said first sidewall and said second sidewall, without altering said angular skid bracket;~~

said distal ends of said first sidewall and said second sidewall extending below said angular skid bracket when said mount is in said mounted position;

an axle, said axle cooperatively engageable through said roller and with said first sidewall and said second sidewall thereby engaging said roller to a mounted position; and

said roller when in said mounted position having said circumferential surface projecting beyond said distal ends of said sidewalls;

said angular skid bracket having a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

a support pin removably engageable with said first and second sidewalls at said mid portion adjacent to said axle and between said bottom surface and said axle; and

means to force said topwall away from said angular skid bracket thereby subjecting a compressive force of said support pin against said bottom surface of said angular skid bracket, to maintain said mount in said mounted position.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim ~~17~~ 16 wherein said means to force said topwall away from said angular skid bracket comprises:

an elongated member translatably engaged through said topwall, said elongated member having an adjustment end and a distal end opposite said adjustment end; and

said distal end of said elongated member translatable toward ~~support pin, to a compressed engagement with a contact point,~~
~~said contact point being located on~~ said top surface of said

angular skid bracket, whereby translation of said elongated member ~~compressibly engages said angular skid bracket with said angular skid bracket at a compressed~~ subjects said angular skid bracket to a compressive force between said distal end of said elongated member and said support pin.

19. (Currently amended) The drag wheel apparatus of claim 18 wherein elongated member translatably engaged through said topwall comprises:

said elongated member being a bolt, said bolt threadably engaged through said topwall;

rotation of said bolt in a first direction causing said distal end of said bolt to translate toward said ~~contact point~~; angular support bracket to communicate said compressive force thereto; and

continued rotation of said bolt in said first direction ~~after said distal end contacts said contact point~~ causing a proportional increase in said ~~compressed~~ compressive force.

20. (canceled)

21. (Canceled)